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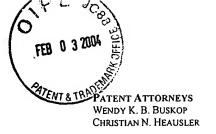
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- I. Applicants hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement and encloses a Form PTO-1449 listing references for consideration by the Examiner.
- II. Applicants hereby request the Examiner to consider each cited reference. As required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i), the following are concise explanations of the relevance of each reference, as they are presently understood:

Application Serial No. 10/689,413 Information Disclosure Statement

REFERENCE NO. A1: "An adjustable mounting system for filtration media including first and second upstanding panel members having vertically disposed support rails provided at their forward ends. A plurality of filtration media support frames, which have an adjustable V-shape, are mounted on the support rails between the panel members."

REFERENCE NO. A2: "The present invention 10 discloses an air filter element 18 that is partially fabricated on site wherein one or more wire frames 28 are fastened to one another using a high tensile strength adhesive tape 34 to form a structure substantially conforming to the dimensions of the original equipment manufacturers' filter housings 20. The filter media 18 is attached to the rigid wire frame 28 by selectively drawing pleats 24 around a portion of a wire member 28 and securing the pleats to each other by means of epoxy coated staples 36 thereby securing the filter media 18 to the wire frame 28. Whereupon the on-site partially fabricated filter element 18 can be inserted into the channels 30 of the appropriate original equipment manufacturers filter housing 20 wherein the skirt 38 of the on-site fabricated filter element will fill and conform to the filter housing channel 30 providing an air-seal thus forcing all airflow through the air filter 18."

REFERENCE NO. A3: "An expandable filter cartridge for installation in the filter housing of a vehicle includes a rectangular frame having top and bottom legs and side legs. The side legs of the frame are extendible and retractable in length to configure the frame between a relatively compact size for insertion into the filter housing and a relatively expansive size for spanning the interior dimensions of the filter housing. The filter cartridge is installed by being inserted while in its compact configuration into a slot in the filter housing and, once inside, expanded to span the interior dimensions of the housing."

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Sheet 1 of 1 FEB 0 3 2004 Serial No.: 10/689,413 Group Art Unit: 1733 Form PTO 1449 U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office Filing Date: October 20, 2003 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION (Use several sheets if necessary) Applicant(s): Anthony Dimicelli Atty. Docket No.: 1216.06 A REFERENCE - U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS Examiner Patent Document Date Name Class Sub **Filing Date** Number Initial\* If Appropriate Class Number **A1** 6,214,076 04/10/01 Beier 55 484 02/09/99 6,152,980 11/28/00 Culwell 481 03/15/99 **A2** 55 **A3** 5,968,217 10/19/99 55 496 07/03/97 Stein **A4 B REFERENCE - FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS** Examiner Patent Date Country Sub **Document** Class Translation Number Initial\* Number Class Yes No **B1 B2 B3** C REFERENCE - OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pages, Etc.) **Document** Examiner **Other Documents Citation** Number Initial\* **C**1 C2 **C3 C4** 

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